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SUBJECT: VISIT OF ZHIVKOV TO HUNGARY OCCASION FOR ANTI-
CHINESE STATEMENTS

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1. BULGARIAN PARTY LEADER TODOR ZHIVKOV PAID FOUR DAY
VISIT (DEC 3-7) TO BUDAPEST AND MADE THE USUAL VIP TOUR
OF FACTORIES, FARMS AND APPEARANCE ON NATIONAL TELEVISION.
ALTHOUGH HE HELD SEVERAL LONG CONVERSATIONS WITH HSWP FIRST
SECRETARY KADAR THERE WAS LITTLE EVIDENCE AS TO WHAT WAS
DISCUSSED OR WHAT AGREEMENTS, IF ANY, WERE REACHED BETWEEN
TWO PARTIES. MOST PUBLIC STATEMENTS COMPOSED OF USUAL
BANALITIES, INCLUDING NEED FOR GREATER UNITY BETWEEN
SOCIALIST STATES AND APPROVAL OF DETENTE.

2. MOST NOTEWORTHY REMARKS CAME AT HUNGARIAN-BULGARIAN
FRIENDSHIP RALLY AT BUDAPEST FACTORY HERE BOTH KADAR
AN ZHIVKOV SHARPLY ATTACKED CHINESE LEADERSHIP. THEY
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ACCUSED PEKING OF "PLAYING INTO HANDS OF IMPERIALISM"

THROUGH ANTI-SOVIETISM AND OF HARBORING "MAOIST PLANS TO DISRUPT INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT." PRC LEADERSHIP ACCUSED BY KADAR OF BEING ANTI-MARXIST AND ANTI-LENINIST.

3. ZHIVKOV, NOT TO BE OUTDONE, CALLED FOR "OPPOSITION TO SLANDEROUS, CHAUVINISTS" IN CCP WHO "MAKE DEVILISH EFFORTS TO PEVENT STRUGGLE OF PROGRESSIVE FORCES AGAINST REACTION". HE SAID TENTH PARTY CONGRESS "PROVED CCP HAD BROKEN WITH MARXISM-LENINISM, WITH PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM AND ITS ALL-SOCIALIST CLASS CONTENT"⁵ ZHIVKOV ACCUSED PRC OF OPENLY MAKING TREATIES WITH "MOST REACTIONARY, IMPERIALIST FORCES IN ORDER TO REALIZE PLANS FOR HEGEMONY".

4. ALTHOUGH HUNGARIAN PRESS HAS RATHER CONSISTENTLY POUNDED CHINESE, THIS IS ONE OF THOSE RARE INSTANCES IN WHICH KADAR HAS HIMSELF PERSONALLY BEEN INVOLVED IN THESE ATTACKS. KADAR DID MENTION, HOWEVER, GOH DESIRE TO "NORMALIZE STATE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS". HUNGARIANS ARE BELIEVED ANXIOUS TO EXPAND COMMERCIAL CONTACT WITH CHINESE. AT LEAST PUBLICLY, CHINESE HERE APPEAR SOMEWHAT RELAXED ABOUT ANTI-CHINESE CAMPAIGN. WHEN QUESTIONED IN PAST ABOUT ATTACKS, CHINESE AMBASSADOR HAS SHRUGGED THEM OFF SAYING HUNGARIANS ONLY DOING SO BECAUSE OF SOVIET PRESSURE. MUDD

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